

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Cable was heralded as the great liberator from monopoly control, a system that would allow for local control and access to the media.

The proposed rule would further erode that promise and weaken the open platform for diversity and free flow of information and views on which our democracy's vitality defends.

Please retain the cap on cable ownership.

Thank you.